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From: Meghan Stapleton [meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Friday, March 23, 2007 5:07 PM

To: 'Sarah Palin'; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)

Subject: FW: Governor Palin's photo and title

Importance: High

FYI only.

AP called today because of this picture. "They wanted to verify your position. I said that the Governor does not feel that it is appropriate to advise Alaskans on how to vote on the issue. We have already asked this group to remove the Governor's official photo and her title from their website."

I then emailed the group – in follow-up to Sharon Leighow's.

Thanks,
Meg

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From: Meghan Stapleton [mailto:meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2007 5:06 PM
To: information@voteyesformarriagealaska.org
Cc: meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us
Subject: Governor Palin's photo and title
Importance: High

Again, on behalf of Governor Sarah Palin, I respectfully ask that you remove the Governor's official portrait and title from your website. As has already been conveyed, the Governor does not feel that it is appropriate to advise Alaskans on how to vote on the issue.

Thank you for your immediate attention.

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From: Meghan Stapleton [meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2007 8:35 AM
To: 'Sarah Palin'; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: FW: An email I got from Dan Fagan

FYI only. To keep in the back of your minds as we move forward and prove him wrong.

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From: Patrick Galvin [mailto:patrick_galvin@revenue.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2007 7:37 AM
To: Sharon Leighow; Meghan Stapleton; joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us; john_bitney@gov.state.ak.us
Subject: FW: An email I got from Dan Fagan

So much for Dan Fagan turning a corner...

-Pat

From: Rep. Beth Kerttula [mailto:Representative_Beth_Kerttula@legis.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2007 7:06 AM
To: john_bitney@gov.state.ak.us; patrick_galvin@revenue.state.ak.us; tom_irwin@dnr.state.ak.us; marty_rutherford@dnr.state.ak.us
Cc: Chris_Clark@gov.state.ak.us; Lisa Weissler; Hannah McCarty; Frank Ameduri
Subject: An email I got from Dan Fagan

Do you suppose TRex put him up to this??? Ugh. Beth

From: dan fagan [mailto:dan@kfqd.com]
Sent: Fri 3/23/2007 5:25 AM
To: Rep. Beth Kerttula
Subject:

Legislators, where is your courage? Many of you know Governor Sarah Palin's anti free market Alaska gas line inducement act or A.G.I.A significantly delays the project and is almost certainly a road to litigation. .

The governor says she believes in competition, but refuses to recognize the three major producers, Exxon, Bp, and Conoco Philips have already legally, fairly, and legitimately competed for the rights to get our gas to market. They paid millions for the rights and frankly it's worked out well for the state. As a result of the leases the industry has spent more than 50-billion dollars in infrastructure in Alaska and they've pumped more than 70-billion dollars into our state coffers. 70-billion. Our partnership with the industry has also made us the richest state in the nation and given us a thriving economy. And now that prices and lower forty demand make it economically viable to start moving our gas to market, our governor refuses to sit across the table with the gas lease holders and negotiate. Amazing! Legislators, you know this is wrong and yet you lack the courage to say so.

The dog and pony show allowing a couple of the governor's bureaucrats to pick a pipeline company to build the largest construction project in North American history and then demand the producers foot the bill for it is absurd. A.G.I.A. is a classic case of putting the cart before the horse. All under the guise of being tough on big oil. Legislators you know this. Why remain silent? I know the governor is wildly popular. I know going against her will cost you with the public. But what about the future of the state?

Legislators, you know without the three producers there is no deal. No Pipeline. The big three must agree to ship the gas they have lease rights to down the pipeline. They are taking the majority of the risk. Legislators you know this. You know you know this.

Time continues to go by, the price of steal rises, planners who project ten years ahead in the lower forty- eight are forced to look at other options than Alaska for their future gas needs. All this while the oil flowing through the Alyeska pipeline diminishes at a significant rate. Lawmakers what will you do then? When the money runs out.

More than a year has passed since anyone from the state sat across the table from the producers in serious negotiations. February 20th 2006. That's the day former Governor Frank Murkowski got producers to agree to a contract for fiscal terms. Rejecting Governor Murkowski's deal with the producers may have had merit. But completely cutting off negotiations with the lease holders, is that really were we should be right now? Think about it. Maybe negotiations will reveal the big three unreasonable and we'll have to sue and take the leases back. But let's find out now, not years from now.

Despite the belief of some, our governor is capable of taking a stand. Remember her fully backing, supporting, and endorsing the Port Authority's plan, with no gas, no way of getting gas, no way to ship the gas and no one to buy the gas. Our governor has apparently backed off her enthusiastic support of the Port Authority's go no where scheme. Legislators it is your job to push her into dealing with the producers now. Not caving to them, but at the very least committing to sitting down with them and doing her best to get a deal. You must remind the governor the campaign is over, we know she's not Frank, now get down to the business of being a leader and negotiating a deal for a pipeline in time to offset the decline in oil production !

Refusing to negotiate defies all logic and common sense. It borders on the bizarre. Lawmakers you know this. Many of you have studied this issue and understand what it will take to get our gas to market. Stand up for the people who elected you. Stand up to a popular governor. History will vindicate you. Have some courage!

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Sent: Friday, March 23, 2007 5:30 PM
To: 'Sarah Palin'; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Stapleton; Meghan N (GOV)
Subject: FW: Governor on your website
Importance: High

FYI again. Mary Pemberton with the AP called to tell me that it's a downloadable Bible insert on the Alaska Family Council website. It prompted the note below.

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Sent: Friday, March 23, 2007 5:29 PM
To: 'info@alaskafamilycouncil.org'
Cc: 'Sharon Leighow'; 'meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us'
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Jim,

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From: Sarah Palin [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2007 12:02 PM
To: Stapleton; Meghan N (GOV); gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Cc: Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Talis J Colberg; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Bitney; John W (LAA); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); bruceanders888@hotmail.com; Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Patrick S Galvin; Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Clark; Christopher G (GOV)
Subject: RE: An email I got from Dan Fagan

This is the same guy who called these same legisators idiots for not backing murkowski's deal.

I sat across the table from conoco, again, not more than 24hrs ago. Does fagan know how often we've worked w/producers and competitive independents in the whole 3 mos we've been in office?

He still won't admit to who feeds him the bull he eats about us refusing to work w/ producers. He, sitting in such a seat of judgment, would actully have some credibility if his claims could be backed up w/legitimate sources. How refreshing if he could be open and transparent about his true motivation here.

One too many lunches w/his peeps?

Feel free to share w/Rep. Kertulla, et al.

Sarah Palin

-----Original Message-----

From: "Meghan Stapleton"<meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us>

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From: Meghan Stapleton [meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2007 6:05 PM
To: 'Sarah Palin'; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Bitney; John W (GOV)
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Stapleton; Meghan N (GOV)
Subject: FW: Governor Interview

I forward this only as an FYI, as you can imagine, since Bob may bring this up at a future press conference.

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-----Original Message-----

From: junobob@att.net [mailto:junobob@att.net]

Sent: Friday, March 23, 2007 5:58 PM

To: Meghan N Stapleton

Cc: sharon_leighow@gov.state.ak.us

Subject: Re: Governor Interview

Meghan,

We seem to be having a very hard time communicating and you seem to be getting very distorted explanations of my comments and concerns.

As you are aware I've been asking since November for an interview with the governor to learn the fisheries policies she intends to pursue this term. I also know that Wesley Loy at the Daily News also asked for an interview last

November and I'm pretty sure Intrafish did not ask for one that long ago.

Hence, it was surprising to see that the governor gives what Intrafish seemed to suggest was an indepth interview to an out-of-state publication, not to mention one owned by multi-national salmon farm corporations.

Not much of an endorsement for an Alaska-first policy.

Next, you seem to have the idea that an interview is an interview is an interview and since I had one interview with her on the subject of the governor's positions on environmental issues that suffices and somehow responds to the policy interview request.

I was doing a proper journalist's job, trying to get all sides of a story, when I sought her comments on why her positions on environmental issues has been, and remains, absolutely identical to her predecessor. My expectation is the administration would have complained if I had published my report without seeking a comment on that issue. (And the governor's claim that the factual record of her identical positions on specific issues with the Murkowski administration is "nonsensical" didn't do much for her credibility either.)

The governor is very reclusive when it comes to media contacts. She pops out to deliver sound bites and appears for brief "news conferences" at bill signings and isn't at all responsive to questions at those. The legislative session is past the halfway point and she has not had a single general news conference with a reasonable amount of time for reporters to ask her about pending bills and issues. This is a fascinating contrast to the legislature where all four political caucuses have found weekly news conferences very useful.

To be blunt, the Palin administration's press office is the worst I have known in 17+ sessions and now 5 governors I have covered in Juneau. Your responsiveness is very slow and always truncated. The inefficiency makes both of our jobs more difficult.

In my career here and in other states I have never known a press secretary who makes herself so unavailable to the press. I cannot recall the last time I tried your mobile phone number and you actually answered or even

when the mailbox was not full. Likewise, you have demonstrated a policy of refusing to take calls to your office in Anchorage.

Clearly this administration's so-called 'transparency' policy does not extend to media relations.

At the same time, while it is so difficult for reporters to talk to administration spokespersons you always seem to get your 'canned' news out.

The fact that you have not replaced Charles Fedullo after close to a month also seems to indicate responsiveness to the press is a low priority. And in that regard whatever Sharon Leighow is getting paid is not enough because she seems to be doing her utmost to do a proper press secretary's job.

Lastly, I don't care in the least where you live or spend your time and I have never been told that flying on a plane would endanger you or your coming child. I have been told only that you want to be near your physician in Anchorage. I don't have the vaguest idea when you are due, but if you want to keep bad-mouthing me like that we're going to have some real problems.

You could be much more responsive from anywhere in the state if that was your desire and it is a waste of time and public funds to keep flying Sharon down here for a few days when the governor needs a handler in Juneau.

All of these things very clearly raise the question of how much time you spend on the job and I am still waiting for the record of your time at work, now a week later than I was told I would get it. If you want a freedom of information request for it they're quite easy to produce.

If your pregnancy requires you to be away from your job for substantial periods of time it would seem to me that an honest administration would acknowledge that fact and take a leave of absence rather than having a press secretary who does a half-assed job while probably overstressing yourself and your baby to boot.

The bottom line is that I would like to see a press office that can provide answers the same day or at least within a reasonable amount of time.

I don't believe that is an unreasonable expectation.

I would be happy to discuss these comments with you at any time and still retain the hope that the Palin administration will begin showing some respect for the important work the press corps does.

Sincerely,

Bob

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-------------- Original message ----------------------

From: Meghan N Stapleton <meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us>

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> Bob,

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> I heard that you were upset because we provided an interview to

> IntraFish. This is my fault and I am very sorry.

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> I specifically waited until after your Sunday interview with the

> Governor in February and left plenty of time between the two

> interviews because Sharon and I purposefully wanted to give you first

> access to the Governor.

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> Since you asked the Commissioner and the Governor for interviews and

> spent a half hour with each, it was my understanding that your initial
> request had been satisfied. I am sorry to hear that was not the
> case. IntraFish got 15 minutes combined, with the Governor and the
> Commissioner, after they waited as well.
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> I recognize that we have arranged the "real" interview now to happen
> for you. Thanks for your understanding. And, again, my apologies as
> it was always our intention to give you first "dibs" and I thought
> that we had.
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> Thanks,
> Meg

Unknown

From: Kari Spencer [kari_spencer@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2007 3:36 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Subject: RE: Other

If she does at all, she uses "Heath," her maiden name.

Kari Spencer

Governor's Scheduler

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-----Original Message-----

From: Governor Sarah Palin [mailto:governor@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Friday, March 23, 2007 3:00 PM

To: 'Kari Spencer'

Subject: FW: Other

Does the Governor give out her middle name?

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2007 9:14 PM

To: governor@gov.state.ak.us

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Allena Baysinger

address: 9503 Antler Way Juneau AK 99801

MESSAGE:

Hi Sarah Palin! I saw you at the governor`s house in December before Christmas! My School went there and

sang songs.I go to Faith Community School.I was wondering what your middle name was? Well i was also

wondering if they are going to build the road to skagway?Well please write back!Allena

Unknown

From: Kari Spencer [kari_spencer@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Friday, March 23, 2007 3:43 PM

To: Sarah Palin

Subject: Soldier Brevard funeral

Hi Governor. They have scheduled the funeral for Staff Sergeant Brevard for Wed. 3/28 at 1:00pm. He was a Dimond High graduate. You are scheduled to be in Juneau in that morning, Alyeska meeting set for 10:00am and Pioneer set for 11:00am; then you travel Jno/Anch at 1:40pm. Do you want to change this schedule to attend the funeral? Lt. Gov. doesn't get back from his trip until night of 3/28. Sorry.